



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Students,

This Monday we begin celebrating **Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week**. While we cannot thank our teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, transportation staff, custodians, maintenance and grounds personnel, technology and food service staff, and district personnel in person, we appreciate each and everyone of them for their tireless commitment to our students. Our administrative team has put together a few creative ways to say 'thank you' for the critical role each employee plays in our district. Aside from this, we have put together a *Virtual Wellness Week* for all of our employees to provide daily self-care activities to help them relax and have fun. Parents and students are encouraged to send a faculty or staff member a note of appreciation.

Please take a moment to review a number of updates below regarding our Virtual Learning Program, upcoming events, and more. I am also linking [April's Board Brief](#), which links to the [2020-21 Budget Narrative](#) for your review.

Hello Hollywood!

A Day in the Life of a High School Administrator	I Team's Quarantine Edition
A Special Message from our HS Health/PE Teachers	S Team's "We Miss Our Students"

Virtual Learning Program & Academic Updates/Reminders

You can learn more about [Kingsway's Virtual Learning Program 2.0](#) by clicking the link provided here. The following information is an update regarding our program.

- **Kingsway to host SATs in fall.** In an effort to accommodate for the loss of spring SAT administration, KRHS will host the September 26th SAT administration.

Home of the Dragons

- **Virtual College Fair.** High school counselors have made their students aware of another Virtual College fair through the high school counselors' [Google classroom](#) to assist in college awareness and planning. Juniors are also being notified about how to request letters of recommendations from teachers in preparation for the upcoming college application season.
- **Technology Needs/Support.** If a student is having a technical issue, please instruct parents/student to email support@krsd.org with their request and detail as much information on the problem as possible. If the parent/student cannot access a computer, please direct them to leave a detailed message with their name, contact number, and a description of the problem at (856) 467-3300, ext. 4256.
- **PowerSchool Gradebook Update.** PowerSchool gradebooks will be updated over the weekend and parents are encouraged to check in on student grades after Monday.
- **Grading Policies (Reminder).** We recognize the use of our traditional grading policy may be difficult to rely on in this present environment. Therefore, as we continue with our Virtual Learning Program during Semester 2, students should continue to (1) engage routinely, (2) complete their assignments, and (3) reflect on feedback provided to them from their teachers. Any modifications to grading policies during virtual learning will undoubtedly factor in regular student participation in these three areas. At present, our administrative team is working closely with teacher leaders to devise progressive measures that will take into consideration the many challenges impacting the teaching and learning process.

Will schools reopen this spring?

Governor Murphy recently extended the [school closing order to May 15th](#). New Jersey is one of a few states that has not closed for the entirety of the year and has made it clear that this decision rests with him alone. In fact, [43 states have extended school closures through the remainder of the year](#).

- **NJ Leadership for Educational Excellence (LEE).** A coalition of the state's major educational organizations dedicated to the education and welfare of our students, urged the Governor this week not to reopen schools this spring. To read the letter, click [here](#).
- **NJ Senate Education Recovery Task Force.** I am honored to have been asked to join the NJ [Senate Education Recovery Task Force](#) to discuss the many challenges illuminated by this pandemic and to offer recommendations for the legislature's consideration with respect to virtual instruction, safeguarding our faculty, staff and students and developing plans for reopening schools.

Upcoming Events

- **7th Grade Orientation.** Our annual orientation for rising 7th graders will be conducted through a virtual platform on May 20th.
- **Honor Society Induction Ceremonies:** We are planning virtual induction ceremonies for Tri-M, National Art Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society. Details to follow.



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Thank you for your prompt attention to this communication. As a reminder, you can continue to monitor updates on our website by clicking the link [HERE](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Very truly yours,



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